The information regarding statewise capital investment in terms of Gross Block and the number of employees is given in Table 1.25 (page 34) of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey, 1996-97.

(b) The number of PSUs running in profit or loss during each of the last three years are given below:

No. of PSUs running in	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
(i) Profit	130	132	129
(ii) Loss	109	102	104
(iii) No profit or loss	2	5	3
Total No. of operating PSUs	241	239	236

(c) Apart from the enterprise specific measures, steps taken to check the losses and improve the performance include professionalisation of Boards, periodic performance review by administrative Ministries, entering into Memorandum of Understanding with the undertakings, rationalisation of manpower, organisational and capital restructuring including formation of joint ventures, technology upgradation, etc.

Simplification of Procedures

3571. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have decided to simplify the "Inspector Raj" system by slashing the number of industrial legislation in this area from twenty-six to three, as reported in the Business Standard, New Delhi Edition, dated the 30th June, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines to State Governments in this regard; and

(d) by when the relevant statutes for simplifying of proposed legislation are likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Industry has engaged the services of Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, to suggest simplification of the existing legislations governing industry by regrouping the relevant provisions into new statutes in three broad categories, namely:

(i) Safety and environment;
(ii) Human resource including labour; and
(iii) Fiscal and financial.

(c) A letter has been addressed to Chief Ministers of all the States suggesting some measures for simplifying the inspection procedures, like drawing an annual programme of inspection for joint inspection of industrial units by Inspectors of all Departments. In the letter, it has, *inter-alia,* been suggested that the selection of the units to be inspected could be done on the basis of a random sample drawn by a computer programme and that a representative of the industry association may be allowed to remain present during such inspection. If surprise inspection of a unit is considered necessary, prior approval of an appropriate senior authority or Head of the Departmet may be obtained.

(d) On receipt of the final report from the Administrative Staff College, consultations with State Governments and relevant Ministries and all other concerned would be necessary. Therefore, at this stage, it is not possible to indicate any specific time schedule for introducing in Parliament bills for bringing about necessary changes in the existing relevant laws.